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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §121

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001, issued in connection with the above-identified Application, which is now due for response on June 13, 2001 with a two-month extension of time, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

By this Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I. Claim 1, drawn to a protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Group II. Claims 56-59 and 62-65, drawn to a method of identifying a drug that